

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] This application is a continuation-in-part of a ~~co-pending U.S. Patent Application~~ (Serial No. 09/891,933, ~~Attorney Docket No. 1343-0001~~) U.S. Patent Number 6,755,491 entitled "OPERATIVE INTERFACE TERMINAL FOR USE IN A HARSH ENVIRONMENT," filed June 26, 2001 in the name of Billy W. McElheney and is hereby incorporated in its entirety by reference herein.

Please replace paragraph [0014] with the following amended paragraph:

[0014] FIG. 1 is a front elevation view of the preferred embodiment of the OIT 10 of the present invention. A front panel 11 includes a fold-down tray 12 that hold a keyboard 13 and a mouse 14 (not shown). A window 15 above the tray is for viewing a monitor 16. The bottom edge of the window may be cut sloping slightly downward and forward (for example, a 10-degree slope) so that any water that gets on the edge will run off. A raised ridge 17 surrounds the window on the back side of the front panel. The front panel is shown mounted on a section of a wall or door 18. The front panel may be constructed of a suitable hard material that is resistant to the harsh environment where the OIT is installed. For example, the preferred embodiment is constructed of stainless steel, which is preferred for a process factory floor due to its corrosion resistance properties.